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PARTICLE PERIL

Hebbal, City Rly Station, Jigani, Peenya among pollution red zones

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“The slow speed of vehicles on unpaved and damaged roads causes re-suspended dust particles, leading to higher PM10 concentrations. Construction activities not following regulations to manage dust on site aggravates the situation

— Air quality researcher

Bengaluru has utilised nearly 50% of the funds released so far under the National Clean Air Program (NCAP). Between 2020 and now, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) released Rs 541.1 crore to Bengaluru under NCAP. Out of this, Rs 254.32 crore (47%) has been used so far. While Rs 6 crore was used by the city in 2020-21, nearly Rs 116 crore was utilised in 2022-23.

Bengaluru used Rs 45.59 crore in 2023-24 towards ensuring cleaner air and Rs 87 crore has been used in 2024-25 so far.

However, its bearing on the air quality of the city has been minimal. The air quality data from the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) shows that the monthly average values of Particulate Matter (PM) 10 and PM2.5 in some parts of Bengaluru have been increasing.

City Railway station, Hebbal, NIMHANS, Jigni and Peenya industrial areas are some stations that have recorded declining air quality.

Over the last two years, the monthly average concentration of PM10 at the City Railway station has gone up from 85 to 89.1.

While PM10 and PM2.5 levels in Hebbal during January 2023 were recorded to be 88.1 and 24 respectively, it was 95.8 (PM10) and 47 (PM2.5) in January 2025.

Similarly, the PM2.5 level near NIMHANS has gone up to 41.9 in January 2025 from 33 in January 2023.

NCAP was launched in 2019 by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) to improve air quality by reducing particulate matter (PM10 and PM2.5) concentration in cities by 20 to 30%, taking 2017 as the base year.

In 2022, this target was revised to a 40% reduction in PM concentration.

However, the situation has not improved in Bengaluru.

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INNOCENCE LOST

Theft is most common among 458 cases registered against minors in 2024; shocking 45 POCSO cases too

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Recent data has highlighted the increasing involvement of minors in criminal activities, with 458 cases registered against juveniles in 2024. Theft has emerged as the most common offence, accounting for 87 cases, followed by other serious crimes such as robbery (25 cases), attempted murder (20 cases), and offences under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act (45 cases). Additionally, 32 minors were involved in assault cases, nine in molestation incidents, and 78 in traffic-related offences, including 19 fatal and 59 non-fatal accidents.

Experts attribute this troubling trend to multiple socio-economic factors, including poverty, lack of education, unstable family environments, peer pressure, and exposure to criminal elements. According to police sources, theft cases involving minors often stem from economic distress or coercion by organised crime groups. “Many of these juveniles are first-time offenders who either steal out of necessity or are manipulated by adults who exploit their vulnerability,” a police official stated. In cases of robbery and attempted murder, the need for quick money and peer influence are identified as key driving factors.

A spokesperson from an NGO working on juvenile crime issues told Bangalore

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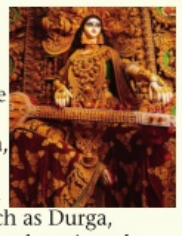
THINGS TO DO

01 Divine rhythm



Bangalore International Centre is presenting Swaragini, a unique musical journey, dedicated entirely to women, through raga, rhythm, and composition. The concert will feature ragas named after divine feminine energy, such as Durga, Gauri, Saraswati, Bhairavi, Parameshwari, and more. **Where: Bangalore International Centre, Domlur; When: March 19, 7 pm**

02 Musical celebration

Ekatvam, an initiative of Entrust Foundation, is presenting the annual Ekatvam Holi Music Festival 2025, featuring an all-women line-up, showcasing exceptional female artistry. It celebrates the festival of colour and music, and brings together performers, connoisseurs, critics, and mentors. **Where: Bengaluru Gayana Samaja, Basavanagudi; When: March 22 and 23, March 29 and 30, 4 pm onwards**

03 Theatre tales

Raga Shankara is presenting Daag, a play featuring a gripping tale of ambition, struggle, and survival in a harsh society. The play follows protagonist Bindiya, a tailor, who wants to get established and lead a lavish life. It ends with questioning our ecosystem- Are those in its upper layer bound to exploit the ones in the lower? **Where: Raga Shankara, JP Nagar; When: March 19, 7.30 pm**

04 Improv-ise

Small World is organising an improv workshop, offering a chance to hone your quick thinking skills, and unleash your creativity within two-minute impromptu challenges, turning unexpected topics into captivating performances. **Where: Small World, Koramangala; When: March 29, 4 pm**

05 Artistic tribute

Samanvay Arts Festival, presented by Sri Raja Rajeshwari KalaNiketan in association with the Academy of Music, is paying homage to the saint-poet Meera Bai, with an artistic presentation titled "Bhakti Shakti—The Power of Devotion." **Where: Chowdiah Memorial Hall, Malleshwaram; When: March 21, 5.45 pm**

Step to bring every child back to school

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Child rights activists urge departments to take proactive steps in spreading awareness and use media publicity to ensure it reaches all eligible children

The Labour Commissioner has issued a circular to Deputy Labour Commissioners and Assistant Labour Commissioners to ensure the direct enrollment of underprivileged children into class six in residential schools for the next academic year.

"You have to take measures to ensure admission of child labourers into residential schools by filing applications online. Action taken reports should be submitted every month to this office," read the circular issued by the Labour Commissioner on Saturday.

Karnataka Residential Educational Institutions Society (KREIS) had written a letter on February 14, 2025, stating that there are 41,500 seats available in residential schools across the state, and 50% (20,750) of those seats can be filled-up through direct admission.

Among the 50% seats, 10% seats will be allocated for children of bonded labourers and child labourers, 10% of seats for children of sanitation workers and manual scavengers, and 10% for children of people with disabilities and HIV.

Activists support move

Child rights activists have welcomed the government's decision to allocate seats for underprivileged children at residential schools.

Welcoming the government's decision, Nagasimha G Rao of Child Rights Trust said that the state government's initiative to provide direct enrollment for underprivileged children into residential schools is a commendable step. He noted that it will significantly benefit child labourers and children of bonded labourers, sanitation workers, manual scavengers, orphans, children with disabilities, and others who need support. "To ensure that this opportunity reaches all eligible children, it is essential that the department takes proactive steps to spread awareness. Media publicity is crucial in this regard," he said.

> **"I want the government to increase the number of seats at the residential schools to facilitate more children from poor families getting admission into residential schools** – HC Raghavendra, a child rights activist

He opined that the government should advertise these facilities through local newspapers, social media, and community outreach programs. He stated that the move could prove to be effective in informing all eligible parents and guardians about the initiative, and encourage them to apply. "By providing direct enrollment into residential schools, the Karnataka government is taking a significant step towards breaking the cycle of poverty and exploitation. It is now essential to ensure that this initiative reaches all those who need it," he said.

HC Raghavendra, a child rights activist, said that the facilities should reach the children who are in need. "I want the government to increase the number of seats at the residential schools to facilitate more children from poor families getting admission into residential schools," said Raghavendra.

Double trouble or double benefits?

The decision by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) to hold tenth class exams twice a year from 2026 has drawn mixed reactions. A school principal opined that the proposed changes will place students under constant pressure, keeping them in 'exam mode' from January to May, significantly impacting their well-being and overall learning experience. The principal stated that this system increases stress, hampers holistic development, burdens teachers, and strains schools with logistical challenges. "Instead of fostering a balanced academic environment, these changes could lead to fatigue and reduced motivation among both students and educators," the principal said.

On the other hand, another school principal expressed that the revised system ensures that students remain engaged in their studies throughout the year, reducing last-minute exam pressure, and promoting consistent learning. "For teachers, this structured approach allows for more focused teaching, timely interventions, and personalized support for students who need extra help. While there may be initial challenges in adapting to the new system, in the long run, it will create a more balanced and effective learning environment," the principal stated.

A CBSE official said that from March 2020, CBSE had introduced two levels of Mathematics at the secondary level, standard and basic. The official noted that while students follow the same textbooks and curriculum, the examination papers for these two levels differ. "CBSE does not track data on students who studied Standard Mathematics and later succeeded in engineering exams. In line with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, specifically recommendation 4.38, the Board has no plans to remove Basic Mathematics from the Class 10 syllabus, as it caters to students who do not intend to pursue Mathematics at higher levels," the official said. **— BMB**

Collaborative effort for peace and harmony

The South Asia International Peace Conference (SAIPC) 2025, organised by Rotary District 3192, will be held in Bengaluru on March 22 and 23. The conference will address regional challenges, bringing together diverse stakeholders to foster peace and harmony in South Asia.

The conference will foster dialogue, collaboration, and policy making in key critical areas such as peace-building, environment, healthcare, sustainable livelihoods, access to education, and hunger and malnutrition. It will have inclusive participation from diverse stakeholders.

Grammy Award-winning composer and environmentalist Ricky Kej will serve as the brand ambassador, embodying the mission of sustainability and harmony. The conference will celebrate South Asia's diverse heritage with traditional dances from Bhutan, India, Nepal, and Sri Lanka, showcasing the region's vibrant tapestry of unity and culture. **— BMB**

Online Khata applications

Developers and property owners seeking bulk new Khatas for multiple flats or commercial units can now apply for it online at https://BBMP.karnataka.gov.in/NewKhata. It allows users to generate new Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Khatas for properties. A release by Munish Moudgil, Special Commissioner (Revenue), BBMP, stated, "Applicants must provide the Aadhaar number of the owner/representative, building plan approval, Occupancy Certificate (for A Khata), and property photo. Those with an existing BBMP Khata should not apply for a new one, as duplicate applications may lead to criminal liability." **— BMB**

Ranya Rao case: IAS officer-led probe completed

20 people questioned in 1 week; 100-page report to highlight findings on official involvement

The high-profile investigation into the illegal gold smuggling case involving actress Ranya Rao has been completed. The probe, led by IAS officer Gaurav Gupta, was launched on March 11 following allegations that Ranya smuggled gold from Dubai to Bengaluru. The inquiry team has issued notices to 20 individuals and questioned them over the past week.

As per the government's weekly deadline, the report detailing possible dereliction of duty by police and customs officials will be submitted in the next two days. One of the key aspects of the probe was the alleged breach of protocol by Ranya Rao's stepfather, DGP Dr K Ramachandra Rao. The case was initially handled by police authorities but was later reassigned to Gupta for an independent investigation.

Senior officials under scrutiny

The probe has delved into potential lapses by customs officials at Kempegowda International Airport, where the alleged smuggling occurred. Investigators have questioned DGP Ramachandra Rao for two and a half hours. Sources indicate that the final report, exceeding 100 pages, will highlight crucial findings about the involvement of local officials in the smuggling network.

Implications of the report

The report is expected to shed light on protocol violations that facilitated large-scale gold smuggling. Speculation is rife about the possible connivance of an IPS officer or misuse of authority leading to security lapses at the airport. Two central investigative agencies have already interrogated Ranya, and the CBI is set to conduct a fresh round of questioning. The focus now shifts to how the government will act upon the report's findings and which officials may face disciplinary action.

American visa discovery

Adding another layer to the case, the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) has discovered an American visa belonging to Tarunraj, the childhood friend of Ranya Rao, who is also wanted in connection with the illegal gold smuggling operation. Tarunraj, who co-owns a gold business with Ranya in Dubai, reportedly possesses visas for both the US and Dubai. Investigators suspect his international network may have ties to illegal gold and hawala transactions. The DRI is currently probing his travel history and business activities.

Defamation complaint against Yatnal

A complaint has been lodged against Basanagouda Patil Yatnal for allegedly making derogatory remarks against actress Harshvardhani Ranya Rao during a public press conference on March 17. The complaint was filed by Akula Anuradha at the High Grounds police station, citing defamation and inappropriate comments.

According to the complaint, Yatnal, who holds a respectable position in society, made rude and sexually suggestive remarks about the actress in front of the media.

He reportedly questioned her security, financial sources, and appearance, implying misconduct.

His statements, which included a mix of Kannada and English phrases, were deemed offensive and damaging to the actress's reputation.

The police are currently reviewing the complaint.

Media gag

The High Court issued directives to the Central Government on Tuesday to enforce orders preventing media outlets from broadcasting or publishing defamatory or false statements about actress Harshavardini Ranya Rao and her father K Ramchandra Rao.

On March 12, the civil court granted an ex-parte order, following a suit by her mother HP Rohini, restricting media statements against the actress until June 2. The High Court issued a comparable order in response to her father's petition.

The parents assert that media organisations continue to disregard these court directives. Their High Court petition states that whilst investigation details remain unpublished, media outlets persist in characterising the accused inappropriately.

The Court referenced Darshan's case, where similar restrictions were imposed on media from publishing defamatory content against the actor accused of murder.

Lalbagh, Cubbon tighten security

In response to the recent Holi festival clash involving a Nepalese group at Lalbagh, the Horticulture Department has decided to strengthen security arrangements at both Lalbagh and Cubbon Park. With Ramadan and Ugadi festivals falling towards the end of March, a surge in visitors is expected at both parks.

To prevent any untoward incidents, additional police deployment has been planned. Officials have confirmed that these measures aim to ensure public safety and maintain law and order. Currently, two constables are stationed at Lalbagh daily. Security personnel are deployed in three shifts, with 26 personnel per shift.

Additionally, the number of CCTV cameras has been increased to enhance surveillance. Last year, 95 CCTV cameras were installed to improve security monitoring. A Horticulture Department official said, "These measures are part of a broader effort to ensure that visitors can enjoy the parks without any security concerns."

Ex-minister Revanna accused of assault

Former minister HM Revanna has been accused of assaulting a woman party worker and hurling casteist abuses during a dispute at Kumara Krupa Guest House on Monday.

Following a complaint by Nandini Nagaraj, the High Grounds Police have registered a non-cognizable report and initiated an investigation. Nandini alleged that Revanna verbally abused her and physically assaulted her when she approached him for a discussion. She also shared a video on social media, where Revanna was seen pushing away a mobile phone while being recorded.

The police have issued a notice to Nandini, asking her to provide evidence supporting her claims. Meanwhile, she has also lodged a complaint with the State Women's Commission. Commission Chairperson Dr Nagalakshmi Choudhary confirmed that she has directed the police to conduct a thorough probe and submit a report to establish the facts.

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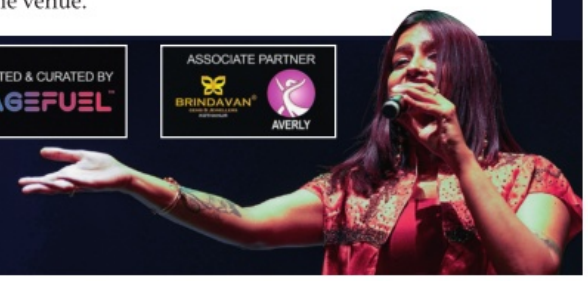
MADHUBANTI BAGCHI
performs in Bengaluru for the first time

Bengaluru recently hosted Madhubanti Bagchi's first live performance in the city at Phoenix Market City. Madhubanti Bagchi is an Indian singer and composer known for her work in Indian classical, pop, and playback singing. She is a disciple of the Agra Gharana and has sung in multiple films.

During the concert, she sang popular numbers like *Aaj Ki Raat* from Stree 2, *Peelings* from Pushpa 2: *The Rule*, *Uyi Amma* from Azaad, *Galatfehmi* from Nadaaniyan, *Nazariya Ki Maari* from Heeramandi, *Shayad* (Film Version) from Love Aaj Kal, *Barbaadiyan* from Shiddat, and *Aami Jaani Re* from Mrs Chatterjee vs Norway.

The event was curated and promoted by **Stagefuel. TTK Prestige** was the title partner. **ZECODE** was the fashion partner, and **Novotel** Outer Ring Road Bengaluru was the hospitality partner. **Fever FM** was the radio partner, while **Bangalore Mirror** was the print partner. **Phoenix Market City** Bengaluru served as the venue partner. **Brindavan Gems & Jewellers**, Kothanur, and **Averly** were the associate partners.

The event featured a live audience and was part of the ongoing musical performances hosted at the venue.



Nuisance or discipline: Which way will tables turn for B'luru?

New bill enforces stricter penalties on pollution, encroachments, and public nuisances to restore order in the city

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Bengaluru is set for a major crackdown on public nuisance, encroachments, and environmental violations as the Greater Bengaluru Authority Bill moves closer to becoming law. Recently passed in the Karnataka Assembly and awaiting the Governor's assent, the bill aims to restore civic discipline, enhance urban governance, and impose stricter penalties for violations. From illegal dumping of waste to obstructing public spaces, violators will now face stringent legal consequences, ensuring that Bengaluru becomes a cleaner, more organised, and sustainable city.

Crackdown on public nuisance

The bill grants the city administration greater authority to tackle public nuisances with strict penalties. Unauthorised bill postings, defacement of public spaces, illegal waste disposal, and obstruction of pedestrian or vehicular traffic will now face harsher enforcement.

Violators under the Karnataka Open Places (Prevention of Disfigurement) Act, 1981, will be subject to significant fines, aiming to curb irresponsible civic behaviour. Urban planners and civic activists have welcomed the move, expecting it to reduce visual pollution and enhance public spaces. "Bengaluru has struggled with illegal posters and encroachments for years. This law finally gives the administration the power to address these issues effectively," said an urban expert.

Stronger measures against pollution

A major provision of the bill reinforces the 'polluter pays' principle, ensuring that individuals and industries responsible for air, water, or noise pollution bear the cost of damages. Environmentalists argue that this provision will deter habitual violators and help preserve Bengaluru's ecological balance. "By holding polluters accountable, the law ensures a sustainable future for Bengaluru. It's crucial for authorities to enforce this provision strictly," said Nita Kumar, an environmentalist.

With stricter penalties and a "polluter pays" principle, the bill aims to curb violations and improve Bengaluru's urban environment

Severe penalties for violations

The bill imposes significant penalties on those violating its provisions. Any contravention of the Act can result in imprisonment for up to one year and a fine of up to Rs 2 lakhs. Violating rules framed under the Act can attract a fine of up to Rs 2 lakhs or imprisonment for up to six months, or both.

Similarly, disregarding regulations or bye-laws may lead to penalties up to Rs 2 lakhs. Unauthorised use or misappropriation of Corporation property will invite imprisonment of up to three months or a fine of Rs. 50,000 or both. Furthermore, leaving vehicles or animals in a dangerous position in public places can result in a fine of up to Rs 1,000.

Illegal dumping of waste and obstructing public spaces will attract stringent legal consequences

Action on unsafe buildings and trees

To enhance public safety, the bill grants the Commissioner powers to take immediate action against dilapidated buildings. Property owners failing to comply with safety notices will see their structures repaired or demolished at their expense. This provision comes in response to recent incidents where old buildings have collapsed, leading to injuries and fatalities. Officials believe these measures will mitigate such risks and enhance urban safety.

Public reception and challenges ahead

While the bill has been largely praised, concerns remain regarding its implementation. Citizens have stressed the need for proper awareness campaigns and fair enforcement to prevent misuse of certain provisions. Legal experts stress the importance of transparency in imposing penalties and ensuring that public grievances are addressed effectively. With the Governor's assent, the bill will mark a new era in Bengaluru's urban governance, setting a precedent for other metropolitan cities.

BBMP helpline

BBMP Forest Department has asked residents to report dry and hazardous trees and branches along roads and government lands within city limits. Residents are encouraged to report such cases via the BBMP helpline (1533) or by sending photos and locations to the BBMP Forest Department's WhatsApp numbers. For direct assistance, citizens can contact the respective zonal officers: East: Thimmappa (9380090027), West: Sudarshan (9480684431), South: Chandrappa (9164042566), Dasarahalli: Rajappa K.N (9448234928), Bommanahalli: Narendra Babu (9480685399), Yelahanka: Mahesh J.R. (9480685539), R.R. Nagar: Ravindranath (6361903330), and Mahadevapura: Chidanand (9480685541). — BMB

Market shift: Traders move after court ruling

The trade of four major agricultural commodities—onions, garlic, potatoes, and ginger—will be relocated from the Yeshwanthpur Agricultural Produce Market to the Dasanapura sub-market, Agriculture Market Minister Shivananda Patil informed the Legislative Council. Responding to a query from M. Nagaraju during the Question Hour, the minister confirmed that the shift was approved by the government and upheld by the court after being challenged by some traders. Patil assured that traders dealing in these commodities would be allocated stalls within the sub-market premises. To reduce traffic congestion at the Yeshwanthpur APMC and benefit farmers, the government has sanctioned 67.25 acres in Dasanapura for market expansion. A well-equipped facility, developed at a cost of ₹306.50 crore, has been set up to accommodate the relocated trade. — BMB

City gears up for Karaga festival

Bengaluru gears up for this year's Karaga scheduled for April 14. BBMP's Special Commissioner of Administration, Avinash Menon Rajendran, has directed officials to make the necessary arrangements for the globally renowned Bengaluru Karaga Shaktyotsava festival.

He emphasised the need for timely completion of infrastructure work near Sri Dharmarayaswamy Temple, including the ongoing white-topping of roads, which must be finished by the end of the month.

Road repairs

Bengaluru Urban Deputy Commissioner Jagadish stressed that all roads and pedestrian pathways along the Karaga procession route must be repaired. Additionally, streetlights must be inspected and functional, with BESCOM ensuring uninterrupted power supply throughout the festival. Scheduled from April 4 to April 14, 2025, the event requires special sanitation measures, including the deployment of additional BBMP waste management staff.

Security & traffic

The Traffic Police will implement route diversions and designated parking zones to avoid congestion near the temple. — BMB

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Overflowing drain

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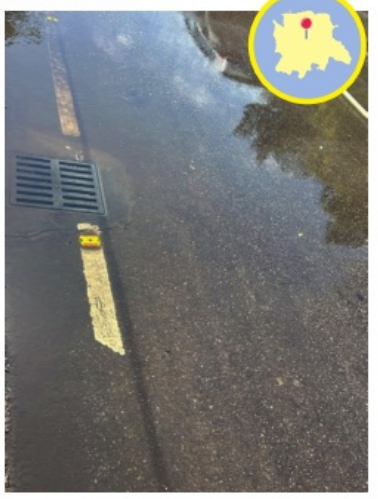


Drainage water has been overflowing onto the Horamavu Service Road for the past month, causing persistent issues.

Abandoned vehicles

Krishnarajapuram Railway Station

On platform no. 3, seized two-wheelers left unattended for years, unclean surroundings, and a lack of toilets on each platform.

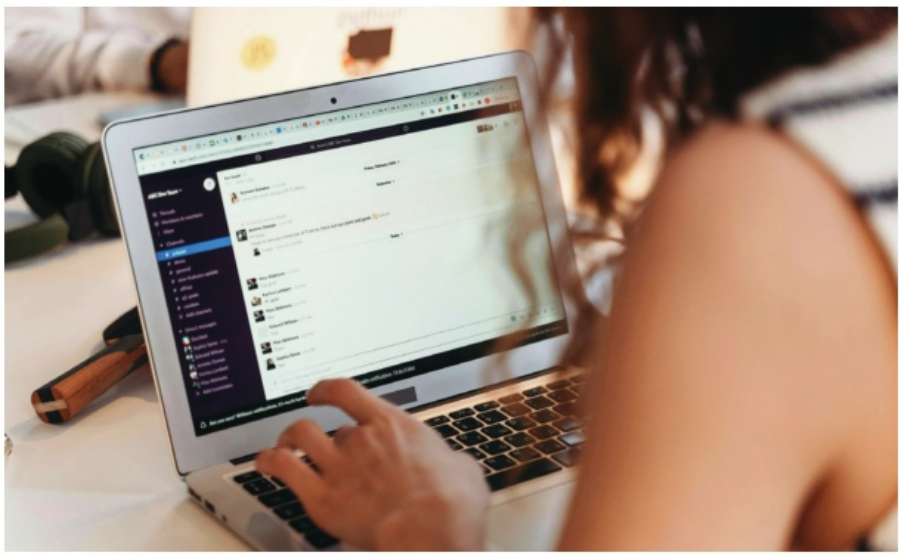
Dumping ground

Bikasipura

A once-decent residential area has turned into a garbage dump due to waste trucks parking at the site. The issue has worsened as multiple garbage autos now use it as a collection point. (1st Main, Bikasipura Post, ISRO Layout.)

Fake recruiter manipulates universities for student data

Fraudster poses as recruiter, scamming 17 universities into sharing student data through fake job offers; police investigate and warn students to stay cautious



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The Whitefield Division Cyber Crime Police are investigating a scam in which a fraudster impersonated a Swiggy representative to deceive universities into sharing student data under the guise of job recruitment.

A fraudster who posed as a Swiggy representative sent misleading emails to 17 universities including Christ University, Loyola, Dayananda Sagar, and New Horizon Universities offering jobs for the students. The scam, which involved misleading emails and WhatsApp groups, was exposed when Christ University cross-checked the claim with Swiggy and found no such hiring initiative.

Following a complaint from N Harshith, a manager at Swiggy, an FIR has been registered against the accused, identified as Vikram Kumar Singh. According to the complaint, Singh sent fraudulent emails to universities, claiming to recruit students on behalf of Swiggy. His emails requested access to student databases and suggested creating WhatsApp groups to facilitate the hiring process.

Authorities suspect that Singh intended to misuse Swiggy's name to scam students, potentially extorting money under the false pretext of securing them jobs. As part of the complaint, Swiggy officials provided police with the contact number Singh had used to communicate with university management and attempt to become an admin of WhatsApp groups. He has been booked under various sections of the Information Technology Act, as well as Section 318(4) (Cheating) and Section 319 (Impersonation) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). Further investigations are underway.

> **Some offers seem exciting, especially when they claim to be from reputed companies**
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> —Student

University students prime target for job scams

University students remain a common target for such fraudulent schemes, as scammers exploit their eagerness to secure internships and job placements. A student from St Joseph's University shared how these scams frequently circulate through WhatsApp forwards. "Many of us receive forwarded messages about job opportunities, and while most of us ignore them, some offers seem exciting, especially when they claim to be from reputed companies. It's a challenge to differentiate between genuine and fake job offers," the 3rd year UG student said.

Investigators believe the accused is operating from outside the state, making tracking efforts more challenging. Meanwhile, authorities have urged educational institutions and students to remain cautious and verify job-related communications before sharing any personal or confidential data.

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Kannada Parishat chief threatened

Kannada Sahitya Parishat's President Mahesh Joshi filed a petition in the Karnataka High Court on March 17 requesting immediate police protection from the State Government due to serious threats he received from several individuals and organisations.

Justice M Nagaprasanna heard the case and postponed the hearing until March 20, instructing the government to obtain detailed information from authorities regarding Joshi's urgent January request for police protection.

The petition highlighted that the petitioner has been receiving continuous and alarming threats, including multiple mobile messages, following the Sahitya Sammelana in Mandya in December. Despite the Additional Chief Secretary (Home) forwarding the petitioner's request to the State Police Chief for thorough review, no protective measures have been implemented thus far. —BMB

Court quashes teacher's case

The Karnataka High Court has nullified criminal proceedings against a physical education teacher who was accused of disciplining a 6th-grade student with a stick for alleged disobedience.

Justice Hemant Chandangoudar referenced the Kerala High Court's ruling in 'Rajan @ Raju v Sub-Inspector of Police', which established that parents implicitly authorise school authorities to discipline their children, including reasonable physical correction for children who can comprehend the purpose. The Court determined that the disciplinary action did not surpass the student's endurance capacity, stating "Therefore, even if the allegations against the petitioner are accepted on their face, they do not satisfy the essential elements required to constitute the offence alleged under Section 324 of the IPC. Under these circumstances, the continuation of criminal proceedings would amount to an abuse of the process of law."

> **Court finds disciplinary action within limits and states that charges under Section 324 IPC do not hold, calling the case an abuse of legal process**

The educator faced charges under Section 82 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2000 and Sections 324, 201, and 34 of the Indian Penal Code. She sought dismissal of criminal proceedings before the Magistrate. According to prosecution records, the teacher had disciplined a Grade 6 student for disobedience. The incidents allegedly occurred between September 1, 2022, and September 30, 2022, with the FIR registered on June 29, 2023. Upon reviewing the case, the court noted the prosecution's failure to justify the significant delay in complaint filing.

The Court also noted the prosecution's inability to demonstrate injuries that would constitute an offence under IPC Section 324, stating, "The prosecution has not established that the chastisement administered by the petitioner exceeded the child's capacity to endure it." The Court concluded that pursuing criminal proceedings against the teacher would constitute legal process abuse and consequently dismissed the case. —BMB

Man stabbed in brawl

A man was stabbed in Chikkagollarahatti near Magadi Road on March 14 after an altercation with a group of intoxicated individuals.

The incident unfolded near Amrita Vines, where Keerthi Kumar and his friends, Madhu, Mahesh, and Dharmesh-were caught in a heated argument. Earlier in the night, Madhu and Mahesh had created a ruckus at a wine store, drawing the attention of bystanders. Sunil, who was passing by on his bike, stopped to see what was happening. However, when someone from the group casually addressed him as 'Macha,' Sunil felt insulted and left the scene, fuming.

> **Man hospitalised with serious injuries; police arrest 2 suspects**

Upon reaching home, Sunil narrated the incident to his brother-in-law, Ganesh. Enraged, Ganesh grabbed a knife and returned with Sunil to confront the group. In the ensuing altercation, Keerthi Kumar was stabbed in the chest. His friends, witnessing the attack, retaliated, but Sunil and Ganesh managed to escape after issuing threats.

Keerthi, bleeding profusely, was rushed to the hospital. His mother later filed a complaint at the Madanayakanahalli police station, leading to the arrest of Sunil and Ganesh. The police officials also revealed that Keerthi had a criminal background and previous cases registered against him. Further inquiries are ongoing. —BMB

Domestic fight turns fatal

A case of domestic violence resulted in the death of a woman in Rachamanahalli village of Anekal Taluk. The victim, identified as Anita, was allegedly beaten to death by her husband, Babu, following a heated argument over an alleged extramarital affair.

According to sources, Anita and Babu had been married for seven years and had two children, a son and a daughter. Anita, originally from a small market area in Mysore, had left her marital home a month ago due to ongoing disputes. However, Babu's family recently convinced her to return. Despite this, the couple continued to argue frequently over the same issue.

On the night of the incident, a quarrel escalated, leading Babu to assault Anita before going to sleep. When he woke up at around 7 am, he discovered that his wife had died. The incident was reported to the Attibele Police Station, where a case has been registered. Authorities visited the crime scene and have launched an investigation into the circumstances surrounding Anita's death. Further legal action is expected.

Citizens take issue of Cauvery aarti at Sankey tank to HC

Protests grow even as suggestions given to conduct more eco-friendly event

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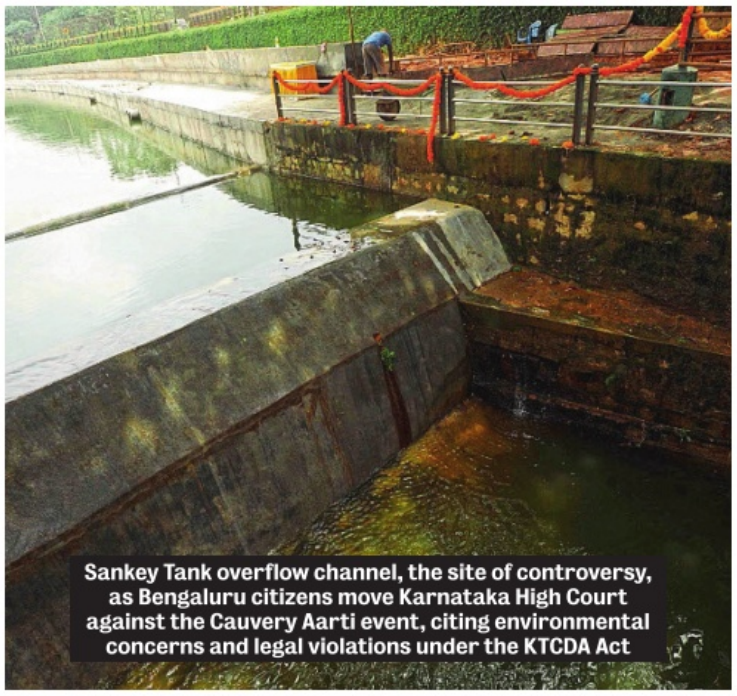
Bengaluru residents opposing the Cauvery Aarti at Sankey Tank have approached the Karnataka High Court, seeking intervention before the event on March 21. An interlocutory application (IA) has been filed against the ceremony, announced by Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar on March 16. Senior advocate GR Mohan stated, "The High Court has previously ruled under the Karnataka Tank Conservation and Development Authority (KTCDA) Act, which prohibits religious and commercial activities in lake areas. We are requesting the court to apply the same principle to Sankey Tank."

Earlier, a civil contempt petition against the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) over Mallathahalli Lake in RR Nagar had also reinforced concerns. The petitioner had alleged that BBMP failed to comply with a 2023 High Court ruling that barred commercial activities in lake areas under the KTCDA Act. "The Karnataka HC had directed BBMP not to allow individuals, groups, or political parties to use lake areas for any purpose. BBMP had assured the court that the amphitheatre at Mallathahalli Lake would be used only as a 'Kalyani' (ritual pond) and not for other activities," said a citizen.

On Tuesday, citizen groups such as Bengaluru Praja Vedike and the Sadashivanagar Residents Welfare Association submitted a letter to KTCDA, arguing that the planned event violates KTCDA guidelines and poses an environmental threat.

"Large-scale events will disturb migratory birds and local wildlife, violating ecological responsibilities," the letter stated. Section 12 of the KTCDA Act strictly prohibits lakes from being used for purposes other than water storage or impoundment. It also bans commercial or recreational activities within 30 meters of a lake's boundary and activities that could harm the ecosystem.



Sankey Tank overflow channel, the site of controversy, as Bengaluru citizens move Karnataka High Court against the Cauvery Aarti event, citing environmental concerns and legal violations under the KTCDA Act

Alternative venue suggested

To ensure that religious sentiments with conservation, citizens have suggested shifting the Aarti to the Kalyani, a designated pond for idol immersions, rather than the main lake. "Devotees can perform pooja and light oil lamps at the Kalyani while restricting access to the main lake to protect its ecosystem," said Guru Prasad, secretary of the Heritage Basavanagudi Residents Welfare Forum.

Lake conservationists back this

> **"The High Court has previously ruled against religious activities in lake areas. We urge the court to apply the same principle to protect Sankey Tank's ecosystem**
> – GR Mohan, Senior Advocate

alternative. "The main lake should remain undisturbed. The Aarti should be held at the Kalyani to minimize environmental impact. A Deepotsava (festival of lamps) without laser and focus lights would be a more sustainable approach," said V Ramprasad, founder of Friends of Lakes. Several activist groups, including Naija Horatagarara Vedike, have also opposed the event. The group submitted a formal representation to the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB), which is organising it. "The event is a waste of taxpayers' money and should not be held at Sankey Tank. If authorities do not intervene, we will stage a peaceful protest," said Lokesh B S, of Naija Horatagara Vedike.

Bangalore Mirror had reported on March 18 about citizens' unease over aarti plan

Permission and official response

Despite the opposition, the Karnataka Tank Conservation and Development Authority (KTCDA) claims it has not received an official request for the event. "KTCDA has not received any request for an event at Sankey Tank," KTCDA CEO Raghavan told BM. When asked about potential action against unauthorised activities, he stated that the matter would be reviewed after the event if necessary.

While BWSSB has not commented, BBMP officials confirmed that permission for the event is still under review. BBMP has not yet granted permission for the event at Sankey Lake. Since this is a government-organised program, we will ensure no damage occurs. The executive engineer from BBMP's Lake Department will oversee the event," said Preeti Gehlot, BBMP Special Commissioner (Forest, Environment, and Climate Change Management).

Poverty, peer pressure driving minors to crime

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Mirror that many minors resort to theft and robbery purely for survival. "These children often come from unstable households where financial struggles push them into crime. Most are school or college dropouts, forced to leave their education due to a lack of income in their families," the representative explained.

Law enforcement officials emphasise the need for a balanced approach. While legal action is necessary, efforts must also be made to reform and rehabilitate juvenile offenders, they said. "The increasing involvement of minors in crime, particularly theft, is a worrying trend. Parents and guardians need to be more vigilant and take proactive steps to shield children from negative influences," said a senior official.

Another alarming aspect is the rise in POCSO cases, which indicate that juveniles are not only perpetrators but also victims in many instances. The significant number of traffic-related offences underscores the need for better awareness and stricter enforcement to prevent minors from engaging in reckless activities.

Karnataka SSLC staff get 5% hike

The Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board has increased the honorarium and allowances for officials and staff involved in the 2025 SSLC examination process by 5%.

This revision benefits Chief Superintendents, Deputy Chief Superintendents, Custodians, Room Supervisors, Examination Center Assistants, 'D' Grade Staff, Local Vigilance Teams, Police Personnel, and Evaluation Center officials. The JTS rates for practical examinations have also been revised, as per an order issued by the Board Director.

With this update, Chief Superintendents will now receive ₹240 per day, up from ₹230, while Deputy Chief Superintendents will get ₹229 instead of ₹219.

Custodians' allowances have been revised to ₹216 from ₹207, and Room Supervisors will now receive ₹173 instead of ₹181.

Examination Center Assistants will earn ₹120 per day, up from ₹115, while 'D' Grade Staff will get ₹91 instead of ₹87. The Local Vigilance Team's honorarium has increased from ₹950 to ₹991, and Police Personnel will now receive ₹954 instead of ₹912.

At Evaluation Centers, Joint Chief Superintendents will now get ₹8,362, up from ₹8,016, while Deputy Chief Superintendents will be paid ₹6,284 instead of ₹6,024. The Center Scribe allowance has been slightly reduced from ₹13 to ₹12.

This revision recognises the role of these personnel in ensuring the smooth conduct of examinations and aims to provide fair compensation for their efforts. — BMB

IN BRIEF

Township in Bidadi: Land acquisition process moves

After decades of delay, the State Government has finally issued a notification for land acquisition through the Greater Bengaluru Development Authority (GBDA) to implement the Bidadi Integrated Township Project. The notification covers 8,930 acres, and landowners or stakeholders with objections can submit their grievances with supporting documents to the GBDA Commissioner within 30 days. It also states that any sale, transfer, lease, exchange, or construction activity on the notified land will require prior approval from the GBDA Commissioner. Unauthorised transactions or developments will not be considered for compensation.

With this expansion, the GBDA now covers 59 villages across multiple hoblis, including 26 villages in Bidadi, Kasaba (Ramanagara Taluk), Kailancha, Harohalli, and Uttarahalli (Bengaluru South Taluk), spanning 23,361 hectares and home to 92,822 residents.

Opposition by farmers

However, the project has sparked strong opposition from farmers in Bidadi Hobli and nearby villages, who have formed a protest committee. They plan to march from Bidadi to Ramanagara in protest. A committee led by the Ramanagara Deputy Commissioner will review the notified areas before a final decision is made. — BMB

Rice shortage disrupts rations

Many ration shops in Bengaluru and districts like Mandya, Shivamogga, and Davangere have displayed 'No Stock' boards as rice under the Anna Bhagya scheme has run out. Beneficiaries expecting their 15 kg allocation have been left empty-handed.

The Food Department dispatched 4.34 lakh metric tons of rice for Antyodaya and BPL cardholders in March, with distribution beginning on March 11.

However, stocks depleted quickly after an additional 5 kg from February's allocation was included, leading to a sudden shortage. Reports indicate that over 30% of beneficiaries in some areas, including Bengaluru, Davangere, and Yadgir, have not received any rice.

Stock on its way

Officials assured that additional stock is on the way, with the state government making payments and requesting supplies from the Food Corporation of India. Rice is expected to arrive within two to three days, after which distribution will resume. The Ration Dealers' Association President, T Krishnappa, confirmed that supply will restart as soon as stocks are replenished. — BMB

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Changes to speech can help detect Alzheimer's early – here are five things to look out for

Ten million people are diagnosed with dementia worldwide each year – that's more than ever. According to the Alzheimer's Society approximately one million people in the UK are currently living with the disease. Studies predict this figure will rise to 1.6 million people by 2050.

Alzheimer's disease is the most common cause of dementia and leads to a decline in memory and thinking skills. This is a physical illness that causes the brain to stop working properly and gets worse over time. Identifying the onset of Alzheimer's early can help patients and caregivers find the right support and medical care.

One way to detect Alzheimer's early is by spotting changes to people's use of language. This is because new speech problems are one of the first signs of a mental decline that could indicate the onset of this disease.

Here are five early, speech-related signs of Alzheimer's disease to look out for:

1. Pauses, hesitations and vagueness

One of the most recognisable symptoms of Alzheimer's disease is trouble remembering specific words, which can often lead to frequent or long pauses and hesitations. When a person with Alzheimer's is struggling to remember a word, they may talk vaguely such as saying "thing", or describing and talking around a word. For example, if someone is having trouble remembering the word dog, they may say something like "people have them as pets … they bark … I used to have one when I was a child".

2. Using words with the wrong meaning

Trouble remembering the right word can be an early feature of Alzheimer's. People with Alzheimer's might replace a word they are trying to say with something related to it. For example, instead of saying "dog", they might use an animal from the same category, saying "cat" for instance. In the early stages of Alzheimer's disease, however, these changes are more likely to be related to a broader or more general category such as saying "animal" instead of "cat".

3. Talking about a task rather than doing it

Someone with Alzheimer's may struggle with completing tasks. Instead of performing a task, they may talk about their feelings toward the task, express doubts, or mention past abilities. They might say, "I'm not sure I can do this" or "I used to be good at this", rather than discussing the task directly.

4. Less word variety

A more subtle indicator of Alzheimer's disease is the tendency to use simpler language, relying on common words. People with Alzheimer's often repeat the same verbs, nouns and adjectives instead of using a broader vocabulary. They can also use "the", "and" or "but" frequently to connect sentences.

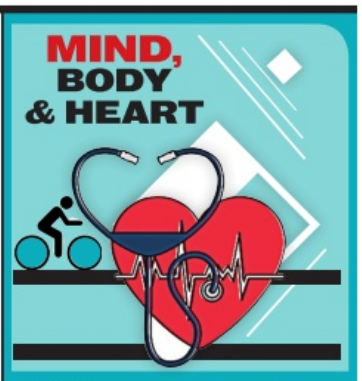
5. Difficulty finding the right words

People with Alzheimer's can have trouble thinking of words, objects or things that belong in a group. This is sometimes used as a cognitive test for the disease. For example, those with Alzheimer's may struggle to name things in a specific category, such as different foods, different parts of the body or words that start with the same letter. This gets harder as the disease progresses, making these tasks increasingly challenging.

Age is the biggest risk factor for developing Alzheimer's – the chance of developing the disease doubles every five years after the age of 65. However, one in 20 people diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease are under the age of 65. This is referred to as younger – or early-onset Alzheimer's disease.

While forgetting words now and then is normal, persistent and worsening problems remembering words, speaking fluently, or using a variety of words could be an early sign of Alzheimer's disease. Identifying these signs early can be particularly important for people at higher risk of developing Alzheimer's disease as they age, such as people with Down Syndrome.

(By Sarah Curtis, Nottingham Trent University, The Conversation)



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MIRRORLIGHTS

Study shows low doses of antibiotics can help treat a rare hair loss problem

Small amounts of a common antibiotic and anti-inflammatory drug can help treat a rare hair loss problem caused by a misplaced immune reaction, according to a study on Tuesday.

Low doses of antibiotics may also present fewer side effects than higher doses of the medication, said researchers at the New York University Langone Health.

The study explored lymphocytic scarring alopecia -- a rare skin condition in which the body's immune cells damage hair follicles, leading to hair loss and scarring.

Physicians typically treat this chronic disorder with relatively high doses of the antibiotic doxycycline -- often for prolonged periods. However, the drug can trigger nausea, vomiting, and rashes and may discourage patients from continuing to take it, said the team, in the paper, published in the Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology.

To determine whether lower doses could work instead, the team involved 241 men and women. The participants, who were treated for several forms of lymphocytic scarring alopecia, revealed that lower doses (usually 20 milligrams taken twice daily) and higher doses (as much as 100 milligrams taken twice daily) of doxycycline were equally effective.

Specifically, no significant difference was seen between the two groups on evaluations of scalp inflammation, patients' perception of the severity of their hair loss, and clinical measurements of hair density, hair-shaft diameter, and hairline recession.

In addition, while 23 per cent of those on the high-dose regimen experienced common negative side effects of doxycycline, only 12 per cent of those taking smaller doses of the drug did so.

Further, while 25 per cent of the high-dose group stopped taking doxycycline altogether due to gastrointestinal issues, only 16 per cent of the low-dose group stopped treatment due to this side effect. "Our findings suggest that physicians can prescribe

lower doses of doxycycline to patients struggling with lymphocytic scarring alopecia without compromising the efficacy and anti-inflammatory benefit of the therapy," said Carli Needle, a medical student at NYU Grossman School of Medicine. —IANS

Breathing uneasy in Bengaluru

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City-based air quality experts say the NCAP fund should be utilised to bring down emissions of particulate matter from various sources such as diesel exhaust, waste burning, dust, and household emissions.

"Bengaluru's surge in private vehicles is the main contributor towards the surge in PM2.5 levels. Moreover, heavy vehicles using conventional fossil fuel should immediately be replaced with BS-VI vehicles. The slow speed of vehicles on unpaved and damaged roads causes re-suspended dust particles, leading to higher PM10 concentrations. Construction activities not following regulations to manage dust on site aggravates the situation. The funds should be spent on improvement of these areas," said a city-based air quality researcher.

Experts also highlight that efforts should be taken to bring down emissions at hotspots in the city. A recent study conducted by researchers from the National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS) in Bengaluru underlined that the city has 80 locations with high levels of PM 2.5.

Notably, in August 2024, the principal bench of the National Green Tribunal (NGT) instructed the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) and the state environment ministry to file clarifications on the underutilisation of funds under NCAP.

This was after the Green Court filed a suo motu case in light of various media reports highlighting Karnataka as one of the worst-performing states across the country in utilizing NCAP funds to bring down air pollution in its major cities. The issue was brought up in a report by the Center for Science and Environment (CSE), a Delhi-based NGO. The report showed that while the state has utilized only 31% of the NCAP funds, it has used only a little over 12% of the funding provided under the 15th Finance Commission to clean air pollution.

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I, Suman Devi W/o Surendra Singh R/o Vill. Bhageena Post. Kajra Tesh. Chirawa Dist. Jhunjhunu State. Rajasthan - 333030 have changed my name to Suman for all purposes

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Everything is fine, folks

Viral social media post on new traffic fines from March 2025 is fake

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A message listing revised traffic fines under the Motor Vehicles Act, supposedly effective from March 1, 2025, has been widely circulating on social media platforms. According to the viral claim, the new regulations include stricter penalties such as higher fines, license suspension, and even imprisonment for severe violations.

However, the Bengaluru Traffic Police and Transport Department have confirmed that this information is fake.

The viral message claims that penalties for various traffic violations, such as drunk driving, riding without a helmet, and using mobile phones while driving, have been drastically increased. It states that offenders could face fines up to Rs 25,000 and even imprisonment for certain violations. However, officials have clarified that no such amendments have been introduced, nor has any notification been issued regarding the alleged changes.

Penalties for traffic violations have not gone up

"We urge citizens not to believe or share such unverified information. The penalties for traffic violations are governed by the Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Act, 2019, and any official changes would be announced through proper government channels," said a Traffic Department official. Joint Commissioner of Traffic MN Anucheth told BM, "No such government notification has been issued. The last notification was in 2019 and the fines remain as per that notification only."

Officials advise citizens to rely on official websites or verified govt sources for updates related to traffic regulations

Officials have advised citizens to rely on official websites or verified government sources for updates related to traffic regulations. This is not the first time misinformation about traffic fines has gone viral. Similar messages have surfaced in the past, creating confusion among road users.

Authorities recommended that motorists check the official websites or state transport departments before believing such claims.

Unfair & taxing

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah slammed the Central Government, over alleged unfair distribution of taxes.

CM's claims

Karnataka's contribution in taxes in 2025-26: Rs **5** lakh crore

What the state gets: Rs **51,000** crore

No raise in: Financial aid for widow pensions, Antyodaya schemes, and old-age pensions for past **11** years

When BJP was in power in state: Projects worth Rs **2,70,695** crore undertaken without receiving proper funding from the Centre. Rs **1,66,426** crore allocated through Chief Minister's Special Grant

Pending bills left by BJP government: Rs **36,000** crore

Contribution to railway projects: State provides free land and covers **50%** of project costs.

Fund announced in Union Budget for Bhadra Upper Canal project: **5,300** crore

Funds received so far: **0**

— BMB

INTHECOURT

X Corp case: Dangers of reels

X Corp has filed a petition in the High Court seeking protection from coercive action against its representatives and employees for not joining the 'Sahyog' censorship portal, pending final adjudication.

The 'Sahyog' Portal automates the process of sending takedown notices under Section 79(3)(b) of the Information Technology Act, 2000, enabling authorities to request removal of unlawful content from intermediaries.

During the hearing, Justice M Nagaprasanna commented on the glorification of unlawful activities through social media platforms, particularly noting concerns about reels. The Court noted that spreading misinformation is dangerous.

The petition requests protection from coercive actions related to 'Information Blocking Orders' not issued under section 69A of the IT Act and blocking rules.

X Corp contends that Union Ministry officers are issuing takedown notices under Section 79, effectively circumventing Section 69A procedures. The company argues that blocking orders cannot be issued under Section 79. Section 69 authorises government blocking of public information access, whilst Section 79 provides intermediary liability exemptions. Section 79(3)(b) requires intermediaries to remove unlawful content upon notification.

X Corp seeks declaration that Section 79(3)(b) cannot authorise information-blocking orders, asserting these should only be issued under Section 69A and associated rules. —BMB

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CLOSERHOME

2 women killed as pole falls on them

To women lost their lives after an electric pole crashed on them, at Suddaguntepalya in Baiyyappanahalli police station limits, on Monday evening, when an earthmover, engaged in roadwork, accidentally hit the pole, causing it to fall. The deceased have been identified as Sumathi (35) from Tamil Nadu and Soni Kumari (32) from Bihar. Soni Kumari was four months pregnant at the time of the accident. Reports indicate that both women, who were walking along the roadside, attempted to save their children as the pole collapsed. While two children managed to escape unharmed, two others sustained injuries. —BMB

Soros-linked entities in B'luru raided

Enforcement Directorate (ED) sleuths began raids in Bengaluru against George Soros' Foundation and linked NGOs at eight locations on Tuesday under the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA). Sources in the ED stated, "The ED Delhi is conducting searches to investigate contraventions by Soros Economic Development Fund (EDF) and Open Source Foundation (OSF)."—IANS

SC to hear plea challenging bail to Darshan, others

The Supreme Court has scheduled hearing of a petition challenging the High Court's bail order for actors Darshan Thogudeepa, Pavithra Gowda, and others in the Renukaswamy murder case for April 2.

During an urgent mention by advocate Anil C Nishani representing the Karnataka government, Justices JB Pardiwala and R Mahadevan provided the provisional hearing date.

The court had previously on January 24 declined to stay the High Court's order but agreed to review the Karnataka government's petition questioning its legitimacy, after hearing senior advocate Sidharth Luthra.

The Karnataka government submitted its petition to the Supreme Court on January 6, contesting the bail granted to actor Darshan and 16 others. —BMB

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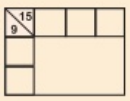
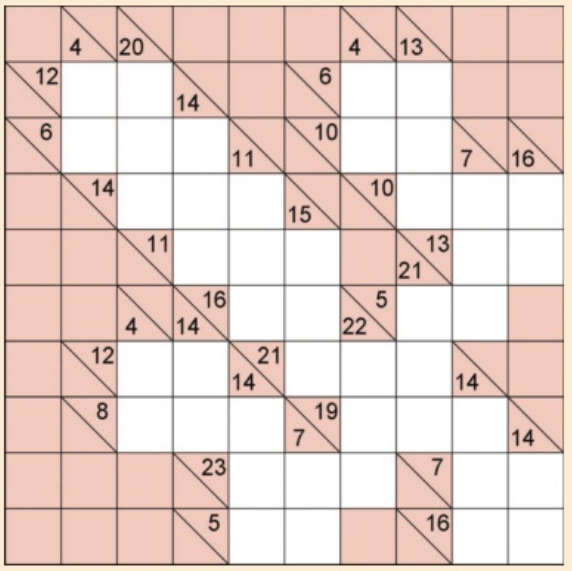
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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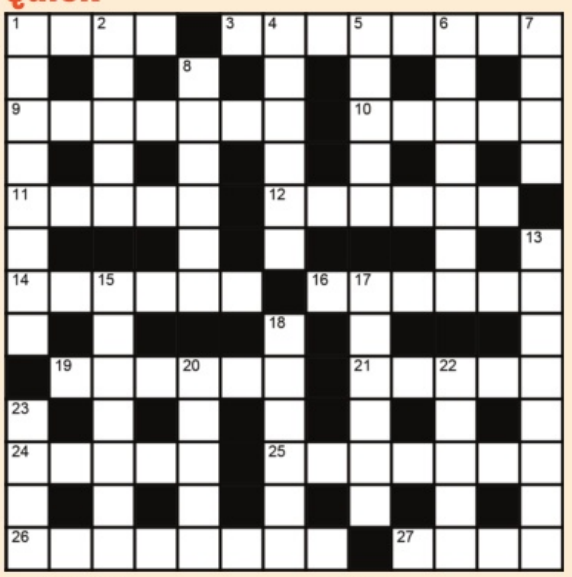


ACROSS

1 Outdoes or surpasses (4)
3 Agricultural worker (8)
9 Take a share in, say eating (7)
10 J in J & K? (5)
11 Pulao accompaniment (5)
12 Powerful (6)
14 Petrified organism (6)
16 Cow car broke for a Polish city? (6)
19 Like a sportsman going through a purple patch (2,4)
21 Long walking-stick (5)
24 ____-blazer : a pioneer? (5)
25 Prevailing or widespread (7)
26 Flatter and coax (8)
27 Hot and dry (4)

DOWN

1 Become or make gradually less? (5,3)
2 Indian Zoroastrian (5)
4 Military command (2,4)
5 Important (5)
6 Annual calendar (7)
7 Percussion instrument (4)
8 Seasoned sausage (6)
13 Duplicitous (3-5)
15 Where three rivers meet in Karnataka (7)
17 Dwell or stay (6)
18 Fixes in something solid (6)
20 Lubricated (5)
22 City in Rajasthan (5)
23 Cigarette end (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: R EQUALS P

UXL OHGTFML HS ALTK HT-ZWDFTK RLHRJL WC FJJ UXFU CUFDZC PLUNLLD GC FDZ UXL ZFTE.

Linemaro

Isn't your email id beatifulgirl@mydreams.com?

Mindchow

The measure of a man's real character is what he would do if he knew he would never be found out

Joke of the day

An egg walks into a bar, looks around and sees the place is empty. The egg says to the bartender, "Looks like I beat everyone here this morning." Bartender says, "Not really. The chicken came first."

Loop

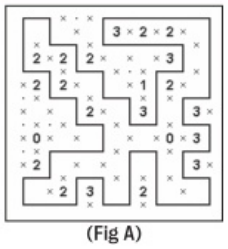
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

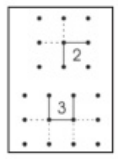
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

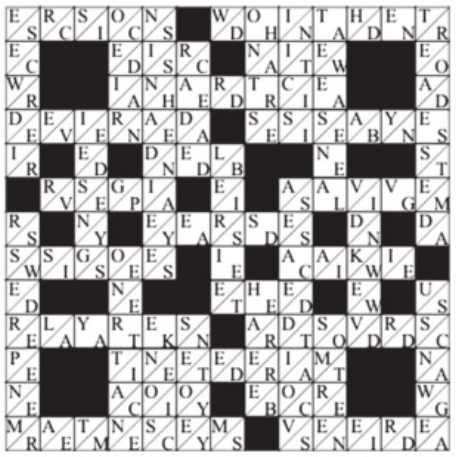


(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed

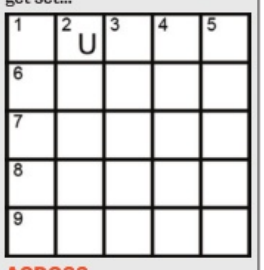
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

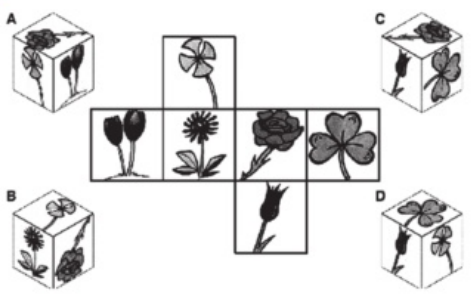
1 Sot us; 6 Ulcer;
7 Iliac; 8 If Tun;
9 Re Day

DOWN

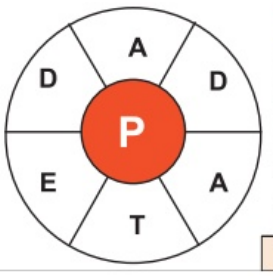
1 Cur Co; 2 Inure;
3 Flu as; 4 I diet;
5 Salty

Mensapuzzle

Which picture cube does this shape make?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

04 Average; 05 Good; 07 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

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				3		9		2
6	2			4				7
	9			1		5		6
	6						9	
5		7		9			8	
7				6			3	4
3		2		7				
8					2			

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 23

3 4 8 8

Medium = 2

2 2 8 9

Hard = 16

1 6 7 3

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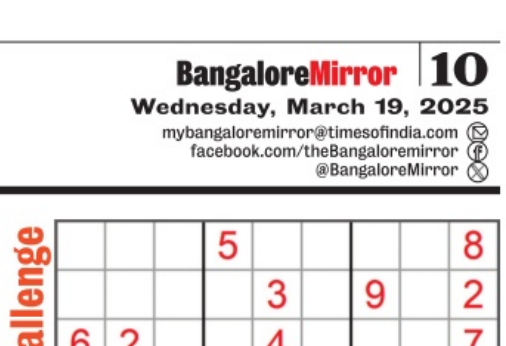
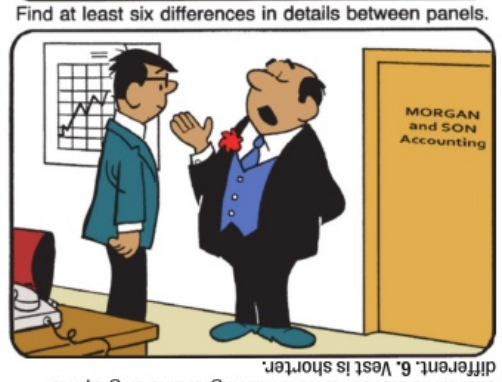


Find at least six differences in details between panels.



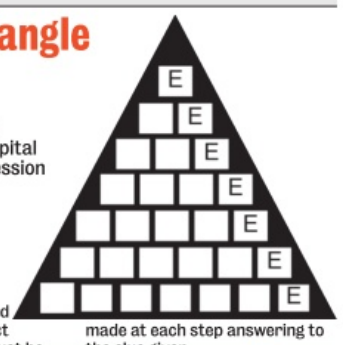
Differences: 1. Thumb is moved. 2. Foot is not showing. 3. Chair is moved. 4. Tie is missing. 5. Line on graph is different. 6. Vest is shorter.

Riddler

Is there a 4th of July in England?

Alpha triangle

1 Second vowel
2 French article
3 Polygraph blip
4 Parasitic insects
5 Santiago is its capital
6 Hackneyed expression
7 Goblet



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

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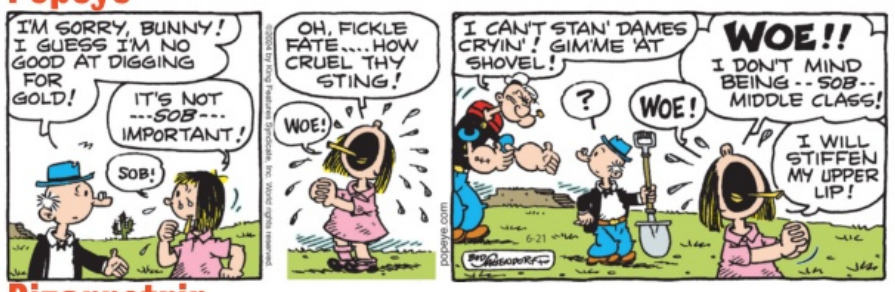
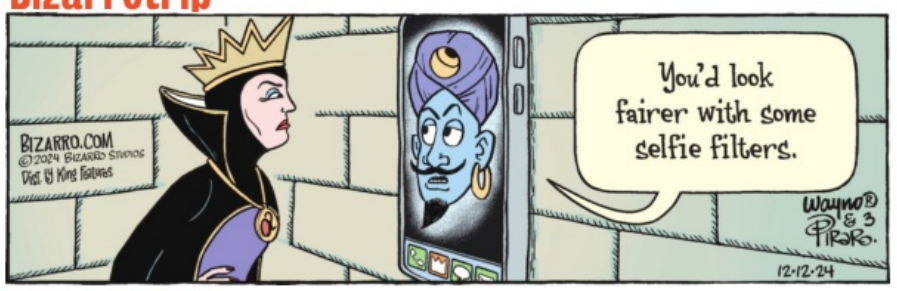
COMICS

Popeye


I'M SORRY, BUNNY! I GUESS I'M NO GOOD AT DIGGING FOR GOLD!
IT'S NOT ---SOB--- IMPORTANT!
SOB!
OH, FICKLE FATE....HOW CRUEL THY STING!
WOE!
I CAN'T STAN' DAMES CRYIN'! GIM'ME 'AT SHOVEL!
?
WOE!!
I DON'T MIND BEING -- SOB-- MIDDLE CLASS!
WOE!
I WILL STIFFEN MY UPPER LIP!

Bizarrotrip



Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

I WANNA GO FIRST!
WOW, YOU MADE ME LOOK GREAT, KAT!
MY TURN!
WE'RE GONNA HAVE TO DO EACH OTHER'S MAKEUP FOR THE REST OF OUR LIVES.
YOU'VE GOT A DEAL.

Crankshaft

THIS NEXT PIECE IS A LITTLE-KNOWN HOLIDAY CAROL BY CLAUDE BARLOW!
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I'LL FIND YOUR LOST PURR, MOOCH! GIVE ME ITS SCENT, AND MY KEEN SENSE OF SMELL WILL TRACK IT DOWN!
SHNIFF SHNIFF SNIFF
QUICK! -TO THE DUMPSTER BEHIND THE FISH MARKET!
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WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, situations are under control. Blessed by Jupiter, you may receive an important position or promotion at work. You may feel inclined toward religion and mythology, strengthening your thoughts and confidence. Your overseas connections may also expand, bringing new opportunities.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you may feel unhappy and dull, which could impact your productivity. Delays in project completion may affect your reputation both professionally and personally. It is advised to avoid adventure trips or reckless driving. Lovebirds may face breakups, and job seekers may feel disappointed in their job search.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
You are likely to excel at work today. A strong bond with your boss may lead to new responsibilities and possible promotions. Chronic health issues may improve. You may receive good incentives for your efforts. Disputes with siblings might get resolved, and job seekers could find new opportunities.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you may feel healthier as old ailments start to heal. Good news from a close relative may bring happiness. You will perform well at work, and your colleagues may support you in handling critical projects. Your trust in subordinates will increase, enhancing your reputation. Legal matters may also bring favorable news.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
You are likely to be busy with your children's education and career. Good news regarding their academic achievements may come your way. Lovebirds should remain patient in their relationships. Investors should avoid risky assets, as losses are possible. Engaging in meditation, yoga, or chanting mantras can help ease your worries.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
You may experience dissatisfaction today, as your hard work may not yield the expected results, leading to disappointment. Carefully read all documents before signing any contracts. Investments in fixed assets may be possible, but it is advisable to trust your intuition. Overworking may negatively impact your personal life, causing delays in attending family or social events.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you may be busy with social gatherings and family occasions, expanding your network. A short work-related trip may be on the cards. Disputes between siblings or friends may get resolved. Colleagues will likely cooperate with you in completing a challenging project. Your confidence will help you accomplish tasks efficiently, but patience is advised when dealing with others.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you may implement new plans in your family business, leading to future financial gains. You might also be engaged in social or family gatherings. Spending on artistic or decorative items to enhance your home could boost your social status. However, take extra care of your teeth, ears, eyes, nose, and skin.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Blessed by the Moon, happiness surrounds you today, making work more enjoyable. Your strong decision-making abilities may lead to increased profits. Work-related conversations may be productive, and colleagues will support you in completing tasks on time. Students will find it easier to concentrate on their studies. Watch your diet to prevent stomach issues.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you may feel dull, and lack of sleep might affect your mental and physical health. Concerns about a family member's health may cause stress. Unnecessary expenditures could impact your savings. Be cautious, as you may become a target of workplace conspiracies. Stay alert and keep an eye on your opponents.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Past investments may bring good profits today. You may achieve success with minimal effort as obstacles start to fade away. Your financial status is likely to improve, with new sources of income emerging. Couples may receive good news related to children.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you may meet someone who positively impacts your business or work, leading to growth opportunities. Your destiny is on your side, converting previous losses into profits. Your financial situation will stabilize. Lovebirds should consider making important marriage-related decisions, while singles may find their soulmate.

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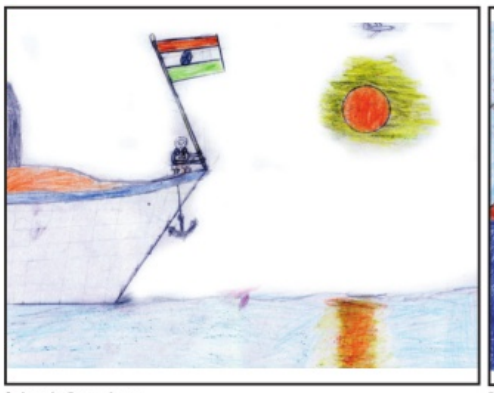

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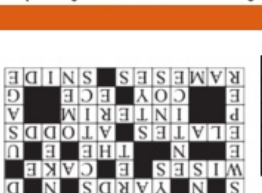
SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
$7 \times 7 + \sqrt{9} = 49 + 3 = 52$

BULL'S EYE
adapt, ADAPTED, adept, pate, peat, tape, taped

STRIKE OUT



FAST FIVE

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QUOTE UNCODE
The courage of very ordinary people is all that stands between us and the dark.

QUICK

MENSA PUZZLE
C

RIDDLER
Yes, there's a 4th of July in every country. Of course they don't treat it as a holiday as citizens of the United States do, but that's not what was asked.

SUDOKU

8	4	6	3	5	2	1	7	9
3	1	2	9	7	4	8	6	5
7	5	9	1	6	8	2	3	4
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ALPHA TRIANGLE
E, Le, Lie, Lice, Chile, Clich, Chalice.

GO FIGURE
Easy
$2 + 8 - 9 \times 2 = 2$
$4 + 8 + 8 + 3 = 23$
Medium
Hard
$3 + 7 \times 1 + 6 = 16$

LOOP

KAKURO

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 # All cut up
Shekhar Kapur claims streamer edited 'Bandit Queen' beyond recognition, without permission

SANDALWOOD SHOTS
Y MAHESWARA REDDY

It is a wrap

The film, Mugila Mallige, directed by veteran director K Balachander, was a huge hit at box-office when it released in 1985. Now, another movie with the same title is in the making.

The shooting of the latest Mugila Mallige was wrapped up with the picturisation of the song – Love Annodu Ildidhre Laifu Thumba Simpallu – at Sri Shiva Shaneshwara Temple at Bangarapet in Kolar under the guidance of choreographer Kapil. The team is busy with the post-production works and is contemplating to release the movie next month.

According to director Rajiv Krishna Gandhi, the movie was shot in and around Hoskote, Kambalipura, Bhaktharahalli, Gattiganabbe and surrounding places.

"Kamarottu Checkpost fame Sanath and Sahana Chandrasekhar are the lead pair in the movie. I am happy with their acting skills. The cast and crew have worked hard," the director said.

Nagaraja Reddy has bankrolled the movie under the ANR Pictures banner.

Veteran stunt choreographer Thriller Manju plays Muttatti Devaraj. It is said that Thriller Manju plays such a character for the first time in his acting career. Bhavya plays his wife. The movie also features Bahubali fame Kalakeya Prabhakar, Killer Venkatesh and others.

Recreating Dr Rajkumar

The teaser of Dhruva 369 was unveiled by Sa Ra Govindu, former president of Karnataka Film Chamber of Commerce on Sunday at Renukamba Preview Theater. The specialty of the 1.40-minute teaser is recreation of Dr Rajkumar and his son Puneeth Rajkumar. Sa Ra Govindu said the quality of the teaser showcases the director's hard work. "The director of this movie will have a bright future. I wish him good luck," he said.

The movie is being bankrolled by Sri Krishna Kantil of Mangaluru under the Achintya Studios banner. GK Shankarnag has directed it.

Raghavendra Rajkumar plays the Governor in the movie which features

Ramesh Bhat, Sandeep Malani, Atheesh Shetty, Chandana, Namita and theater artistes from Mangaluru.

Director Shankarnag said the movie is based on an incident that took place during Krita Yuga. "Certain stars remain fixed in the sky. Dhruva Nakshatra is one among them. The movie highlights the importance of bonding between father and son," the director said.

Playful banter

When Salman was asked what Katrina would do if she were not into acting

During the promotions of 'Bharat', Salman Khan was in his usual playful mood, making the most of every opportunity for lighthearted banter. One memorable moment came when he was asked about an alternate career path for his co-star, Katrina Kaif. After pausing for a moment, and with a hint from the host about Katrina's interest in producing, Salman humorously responded, "She should get married and produce children."

Katrina quickly clarified that the question was about traditional professions like being a doctor or an engineer, "If I was not an actor what profession would I be, he's asking. Would I be a doctor, would I be an engineer?".

Salman, always quick with a witty remark, playfully added that both marriage and kids also require a lot of work. When asked about an alternate profession for Shah Rukh Khan, Salman Khan confidently stated that SRK would excel in anything he chose to do. As for Aamir Khan, Salman admitted he wasn't sure what profession Aamir would take up but was certain that whatever it was, he would succeed.

Talking about Salman and Katrina's cinematic work, the duo have been one of Bollywood's most beloved onscreen pairs, sharing undeniable chemistry in films like 'Maine Pyaar Kyun Kiya'? (2005), 'Partner' (2007), and the hit Tiger franchise ('Ek Tha Tiger' and 'Tiger Zinda Hai').

— ETimes

Just a crush

Kichcha Sudeep's daughter, Saanvi Sudeep, has grown up around celebrities, but she's always had her own movie-star crushes. In a recent interview, she revealed that she has adored Sidharth Malhotra since watching him in Student of the Year (2012).

Saanvi confessed she was heartbroken when Sidharth married Kiara Advani in 2023, even crying over it. Her friends, aware of her deep admiration, even sent her condolence messages on his wedding day! In a conversation on Jinal Modi's YouTube channel, Saanvi Sudeep revealed that besides Allu Arjun, her longest-running celebrity crush was Sidharth Malhotra. She admitted to being smitten with him ever since she first saw him on screen. When Sidharth married Kiara Advani, Saanvi was so emotional that she even shared a meme referencing Channa Mereya on her social media.

Before Sidharth Malhotra's wedding, Saanvi Sudeep was an ardent fan, frequently sharing his posters on her Instagram

stories and saving them in her 'Highlights' section. At one point, she had around 700 stories dedicated to him. However, after his marriage, she deleted them all, feeling slightly embarrassed about keeping them on her profile.

Saanvi Sudeep admitted that if she ever becomes an actor, it might be awkward for Sidharth Malhotra to see her social media filled with his pictures. The thought of him coming across her profile made her reconsider, leading her to delete everything—though she joked that she shed a few tears while doing so.— ETimes

'Who is going with me?'

Priyanka Chopra Jonas took to social media to invite fans to join her for the premiere of "The Last Five Years." She excitedly asked, 'Who is going with me?' in a recent post.

Jason Robert Brown's "The Last Five Years" kicks off its Broadway premiere run at the Hudson Theatre on March 18, with the official opening night set for April 6. The production is directed by Whitney White. Priyanka's husband, actor Nick Jonas, and Tony Award winner Adrienne Warren lead the cast of the two-hander as Jamie and Cathy, respectively.

On Tuesday, Priyanka took to her Instagram stories to express her excitement and shared the poster of the film, captioning, "Who is going with me?? @thelastfiveyears."

A few days ago, Nick Jonas and Adrienne Warren appeared on 'The Tonight Show' to give a sneak peek at Broadway's upcoming "The Last Five Years." "Sharing photos from his visit to the show on Instagram, the actor wrote, "Last night on @fallontonight for @thelastfiveyears - 4 day countdown until performances start!."

Last month, Priyanka Chopra accompanied Nick Jonas for their 'first theatre trip' to see his Broadway production "The Last Five Years."

The couple was joined by their daughter, Malti Marie Chopra Jonas. Nick posted a couple of their photos on social media. One image showed little Malti pointing towards a poster of Nick. The next few pictures showed poster and hoardings outside the theatre. — IANS

Salma Hayek not into tech talk

Hollywood star Salma Hayek says she stays away from technology as much as possible. She also disclosed that she loves to "write everything by hand," doesn't own a computer, "barely" uses a cell phone, and doesn't shop online.

Hayek hopes keeping a low profile on the Internet helps her avoid artificial intelligence-driven algorithms. She told Marie Claire magazine: "(AI) takes away your intelligence because the brain grows lazy. I write everything by hand. I have papers everywhere. I barely touch the phone. They cannot profile me. I don't buy online. I don't order food online. The artificial intelligence doesn't know me." It comes after Hayek recently shared that she feels "pressure" to make money despite being married to billionaire businessman Francois-Henri Pinault, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

The actress tied the knot with Pinault in 2009 but she has continued working in Hollywood and has said that she likes to support herself and make her own living.

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